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The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received any of a final action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and to return the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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